(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Top Position of India and Brazil in Unnecessary Drugs

2382. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 12th December, 1985 under the caption "India and Brazil top in unnecessary drug";

(b) whether it is a fact that an Asian seminar on "pharmaceuticals and the poor" was recently held at Madras;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the seminar concluded with the recommendation to Government for adopting rational policies, banning unnecessary harmful formulations and irrational combinations;

(d) whether Government have received the details of deliberations of the Seminar;

(e) if so, what are the main suggestion and recommendations; and

(f) what action has been taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Formulation of Ethyloestrenon, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol and DES Hexoestrol in the country

2383. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marketing of medicines based on Ethyloestrenol, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol, DES hexoestrol are either banned or allowed use on very restricted basis in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are reports that use of these drugs cause cancer;

(c) the names of the formulations being marketed in our country based on these drugs;

(d) whether any medicines based on these drugs were banned;

(e) if so, the names of the drugs and when; and

(f) what steps have been taken to ban or restrict the use of these drugs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) M/s Ciba-Geigy, Basle, Switzerland had taken a decision to withdraw voluntarily their anabolic steroid preparations methandienone (brand name Dianabol) from the world market. We do not have information regarding other drugs being banned or their use restricted in other countries. We are not aware of any report on cancer being caused by the use of these drugs

(c) As licences for manufacture and sale of formulations are granted by the State Drugs Control Authorities, we do not have the names of all the formulations marketed in our country containing these drugs.

(d) to (f) The I.C.M.R. who were requested to review the position regarding the use of anabolic steroids in therapy were of the view that there